

## TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:

### Board of Assessors

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#### **Tax Exemption for Older Citizens (Clause 41C):**

To qualify, a taxpayer:

- Must be over 65 years of age as of July 1<sup>st</sup> **AND**
- Must have primary residence in Massachusetts for ten years and owned property in the state for five years and must have occupied the property as of July 1<sup>st</sup> **AND**
- Must have an Income of less than \$20,000 if single, \$30,000 if married **AND**
- Assets not to exceed \$40,000 if single, \$55,000 if married. (Excluded assets are domicile, household items, and motor vehicles.)
- Exemption amount ranges from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

#### **Tax Deferral for Older Citizens (Clause 41A):**

To qualify, a taxpayer:

- Must be over 65 years of age as of July 1<sup>st</sup> **AND**
- Must have primary residence in Massachusetts for ten years and owned property in the state for five years **AND**
- Must have occupied the property as of July 1<sup>st</sup> **AND**
- Gross annual income cannot exceed: Single \$61,000  
Married \$92,000.
- Interest on amount deferred is 4% simple interest.

#### **Senior Circuit Breaker Credit: (Income Tax Credit)**

To qualify, a taxpayer:

- Must be 65 or older before December 31<sup>st</sup> **AND**
- Must own or rent in Massachusetts as principal residence **AND**
- Must have gross income less than \$61,000 if such person is single and not head of household, less than \$76,000 if such person is head of household, or less than \$92,000 if such person files a joint tax return with spouse **AND**
- Must not have an assessed real estate valuation exceeding \$778,000.

Upon approval, taxpayer is entitled up to \$1,100 of **State Income Tax Credit** (Not Property Taxes).

#### **Senior Property Tax Work-Off Program:**

To qualify, a taxpayer:

- Must be sixty (60) years of age or older as of July 1<sup>st</sup> **AND**
- Must own and occupy, as principal place of residence to which the tax work-off credit will be applied, as of July 1<sup>st</sup> **AND**
- Must work as a volunteer for a designated Town Department for 80 hours within the tax year.
- Receive up to \$1,000 property tax abatement.
- For applications for this program, contact the Senior Center at 508-668-3330.

#### **Elderly, Surviving Spouse, Minor Child (Clause 17D):**

To qualify, a taxpayer:

- Must be a surviving spouse over 65 years of age as of July 1<sup>st</sup> or a surviving minor child **AND**
- Must have owned and occupied the property for five years **AND**
- Assets not to exceed \$40,000. (Excluded assets are domicile, household items, and motor vehicles.)
- Exemption amount ranges from \$175 to \$350.

#### **Disabled Veteran (Clause 22):**

To qualify, a taxpayer:

- Must be a veteran or spouse of a veteran **AND**
- Must have a service-connected disability of 10% or more **AND**
- Certification of war-service connected disability from the Veterans Administration and Separation Papers.
- Must have lived in Massachusetts for not less than 5 years prior to filing exemption.
- Honorably discharged.
- Exemption amount range \$400 up to Full Tax Bill.

#### **Blind Person (Clause 37A):**

To qualify, a taxpayer:

- Must be a legal resident of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts **AND**
- Own and occupy the property as his/her domicile as of July 1 **AND**
- You must submit a current "Certificate of Legal Blindness" from the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.
- Exemption amount ranges from \$500 to \$1,000.